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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a

- (X) continuation application of:  
( ) divisional application of:

Pending Prior ApplicationApplication No. 09/478,636 filed 01/06/2000Title AUTOMATIC SLIDE FEEDER FOR USE WITH REFLECTIVE OPTICAL SCANNER DEVICEName of applicant(s) Lisa M. GeerCopy of Application

- ( ) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
(X) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- ( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

R late Back - 35 USC 120

Cross Reference To Related Application(s);

This is a (X) continuation ( ) divisional  
of copending application number 09/478,636 filed on 01/06/2000,  
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

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Other Amendments

- ( ) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the amended claims.

Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

| CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY         |                     |                     |             |               |
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| (1)<br>FOR   | (2)<br>NUMBER FILED | (3)<br>NUMBER EXTRA | (4)<br>RATE | (5)<br>TOTALS |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 10 — 20             | 0                   | X \$18      | \$ 0          |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS                                | 3 — 3               | 0                   | X \$86      | \$ 0          |
| ANY MULTIPLE<br>DEPENDENT CLAIMS                     | 0                   |                     | \$290       | \$ 0          |
| BASIC FEE: Design ( \$340.00 ); Utility ( \$770.00 ) |                     |                     |             | \$ 770        |
| TOTAL FILING FEE                                     |                     |                     |             | \$ 770        |
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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING**

I hereby certify that the attached **Request for a Continuing Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (in duplicate); Copy of signed Declaration & Power of Attorney (1 page); Continuation Patent Application (24 pages including 20 pages of specification, 3 pages of claims and 1 page abstract); Five (5) sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs 1-8); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; and Post cards** for return by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, are all being deposited with the United States Postal Service addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, via **Express Mail No. EV 175420865 US**, on this 22nd day of October 2003.

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